The 69-mile stretch of State Route 138 between Interstate 5 and the San Bernardino County border is considered one of the most dangerous stretches of state highway according to Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol.

The County of Los Angeles has been successful in advocating for and receiving funding to make this stretch of highway safer over many years through widening, adding lanes and improving turn signals.

More can still be done to complement these efforts to make this highway safer for all Antelope Valley residents and the many cars and trucks that pass through this region between Interstate 5 and Interstate 15.

One such idea would be to upgrade the signage along State Route 138, including the use of solar energy to power flashing lights that would improve the visibility and attention drawn to these signs, and thus improving safety along State Route 138.

- I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - Prepare a five-signature letter to send to the Caltrans Director and Caltrans
 District 7 Director requesting that Caltrans formally review the potential of and
 provide an implementation plan for upgrading all signage designed to increase
 safety awareness on State Route 138 between Interstate 5 and the
 San Bernardino County line;

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- 2. Send a copy of this letter to the Governor, Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing, the Los Angeles County Delegation to the State Legislature and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors; and
- 3. Request Caltrans to conduct a review of safety measures along this corridor to determine if there are additional technological measures that could be implemented to improve safety for all drivers, and report to this Board with a list of such measures including costs, benefits and timelines for implementation.

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